GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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PER CAPITA CALORIE CONSUMPTION
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a)the details of per-capita calorie consumption in the country during each of last three years;

(b)whether the per-capita calorie consumption has been on the decline;

(c)if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d)the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a),(b)&c): As per information available about energy consumption of rural population from surveys of the National Nutrition Motoring Bureau (NNMB) of National Institute of Nutrition, , Hyderabad under Indian Council of Medical Research there is no statistically significant difference in energy consumption.

(d) Government have initiated several measures to improve the nutritional status of the population such as :-

- Increased agricultural production

- Improving the purchasing power of the people through income generating schemes.

- Availability of essential food items at subsidized cost through Public Distribution System.

- National Nutrition Policy (1993) and National Plan of Action on Nutrition (1995) are being implemented in the country.

- Nutrition education to increase the awareness and bring about desired changes in the dietary practices including the promotion of breast feeding.

- Supplementary Feeding Programmes.

(i) Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDSS)

(ii) Wheat based supplementary Nutrition Programme

(iii) National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid-day Meal Programme),

(iv) Pradhan Mantri Gramyodya Yojana (PMGY)

- Programme for prevention of Specific Micronutrient Deficiency Disorders

(i) National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP)

(ii) Prophylaxis Programme to prevent Nutritional Blindness due to Vitamin `A` Deficiency and Nutrition at Anaemia due to iron deficiency. Both these programmes are under the Reproductive Child Health Programme (RCHP).

(iii) Pilot project Programme for control of Micronutrient Malnutrition.